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In the application of:

Jill McFADDEN et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time file a Request for Continued Examination. This extension will extend the time the response is due from May 2, 2000 to August 2, 2000.

A three month(s) extension is requested; the extension fee is \$870.00.

A check for the fees due is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 290252021800.

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